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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A INQUIRY, BENNETT INFORMED
MISOFF THAT MINUTES OF LONDON MEETING WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE BY AGENCY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. THESE
MINUTES WILL BE BASED ON DRAFT MINUTES MADE AVAILABLE
TO BENNETT BY DR. H. F. WAGNER (FRG), ACTING CO-
CHAIRMAN WG 1A/2A. BENNETT HAS GIVEN COPY OF
WAGNER'S DRAFT MINUTES TO MISSION, AND MISSION
FORWARDED 8/25 VIA INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL TO
MR. J. SCHWENNESEN (DOE). BENNETT SAYS FINAL MINUTES
WILL BE CLEANED-UP VERSION OF WAGNER'S MINUTES, BUT
WILL NOT DIFFER SUBSTANTIVELY. MISSION WILL FORWARD
FINAL MINUTES TO SCHWENNESEN WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED
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FROM BENNETT.

2. MISSION AWARE FROM REF. B OF DOE (SCHWENNESEN)
INTEREST IN HOW MINUTES DEAL WITH SUBJECT OF LONG-
TERM NUCLEAR POWER FORECASTS. ACCORDINGLY, RELEVANT
PARAS OF WAGNER'S DRAFT MINUTES QUOTED AS FOLLOWS;
"THE UK DELEGATION PRESENTED A PAPER WHICH SUMMARIZED

RECENT WORLD ENERGY FORECASTS AND LONG RUN FORECASTING METHODS, SUGGESTING, AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, THE ADOPTION OF WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE (WEC) FIGURES FOR POST 2000 STUDIES. IT WAS FELT THAT MORE INFORMATION SHOULD BE GAINED ON THE METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED IN THE WEC FORECASTS. IT WAS ARRANGED THEREFORE, THAT A GROUP FROM THE MEETING SHOULD TRAVEL TO CAMBRIDGE ON 11TH JULY TO CONSULT THE UK AUTHORS OF THE WEC STUDY. THEY REPORTED ON 12TH JULY THAT THE METHODOLOGY OF THE WEC STUDY MADE IT SUITABLE AS A BASIS FOR THE WORKING GROUP'S SCENARIO STUDIES. THE US WERE NOT UNHAPPY WITH THE WEC L4/H5 SCENARIOS BUT THESE WERE TOO NARROWLY SPACED. THE WORKING GROUP MADE A COMPARISON OF ALL THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON INSTALLED NUCLEAR CAPACITY POST-2000 (SEE ATTACHED FIGURES). AN EXTRAPOLATION WAS PREPARED OF THE PRE-2000 FIGURES FROM THE INFCE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE BASIS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC GROWTH RATES EMPLOYED IN THE WEC STUDY. THE CONSENSUS FAVOURED USING THOSE EXTRAPOLATIONS OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO THEM AS THE INFCE POST-2000 RANGE, MODIFIED IF NECESSARY BY AN AGREED VARIATION IN THE PRE-2000 DATA. THE RESULTANT SET OF CURVES WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP.

"THE LS AND GERMAN DELEGATIONS PROPOSED APPROACHES TO SCENARIO FORMULATION FOR POST 2000 STUDIES. THESE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTACHED TO THIS NOTE. THE US METHOD FAVOURED A GLOBAL APPROACH WHILE THE GERMAN SUGGESTION WAS FOR A REGIONAL BREAKDOWN OF POWER PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE GROUP TO UNDERTAKE MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF DIFFERENT REACTOR POLICIES IN DIFFERENT WORLD REGIONS. THE BREAKDOWN MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTING FOR THE WORKING GROUPS, ESPECIALLY WORKING GROUP 3. IT WAS AGREED THAT AT PRESENT SCENARIOS SHOULD INVOLVE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF REACTOR TYPES, FOR EXAMPLE THOSE MENTIONED IN THE US PAPER, WITH THE PROBABILITY THAT THESE WOULD BE AUGMENTED IN DUE COURSE WITH FURTHER REACTOR SYSTEMS AS SUGGESTED BY WORKING GROUP 8.

"DELEGATIONS TO WORKING GROUP 1A/2A WERE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE US AND GERMAN PROPOSALS AND DECIDE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SCENARIOS TO BE ADOPTED FOR POST-2000 STUDIES. IN THE INTERIM THE FIRST THREE US SCENARIOS WOULD BE USED FOR PRELIMINARY DEMAND ESTIMATES." KIRK

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